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1. On 29 and 30 November 1950, most of the police in Camp Apollensdorf (N 52/Z 37) were transferred to police offices located near their respective home towns. Thirty policemen were discharged as "unsuitable for VP service" because they had been held as P.O.s by the Western Powers or had relatives in Western Germany. Other personnel who were reassigned included some officers to the VP school in Torgau, a small group of police to Burg, a former AF pilot to Goerlitz, and two medical policemen to a school near Berlin. In early December, only a housekeeping detail of about 30 police remained in Camp Apollensdorf. The detail maintained the camp installations, which had recently been furnished with a public address system. (1)
2. On 2 December, a VP Leutnant belonging to the VP unit in Camp Waldfrieden near Burg stated that he would be transferred to an unidentified place the following day. He said that many members of the unit had recently shipped out to unidentified destinations. In Camp Waldrieden the construction of four one-story brick barracks, each about 70 meters long, was hurried to completion. Fifty doors had to be delivered and installed by 10 December, although the brickwork had not yet dried. (2)
3. At the beginning of December, it was learned that the majority of the police at the VP school in Glocwen (M 53/Y 98) had suddenly left the post at the end of November. Their dependents had not been informed of the re-assignment. (3)
4. During the nights of 25 and 26 November, all companies of the VP school in Kletz (M 53/Y 96) left by truck, allegedly going to the Czechoslovakian border. The police were only allowed to take a suitcase along. The truck drivers were ordered to report to Karlshorst upon completion of their mission. A VP Meister, formerly an AF pilot, was told to report to the Main Administration of Air Police in Berlin. Prior to the departure of the companies, the Kletz VP school had been occupied by 1,000 police.
5. On 3 December, it was learned that the entire VP Bereitschaft in Meiningen was to be transferred because Soviet troops would move into the barracks installation. VP Oberrat Fricdrich (fmu), who had succeeded VP Oberrat

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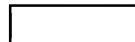
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Beyer (fmu) as the commanding officer of the unit, said that the Bereitschaft would move to Riesa (N 52/E 81). On 4 December it was learned that one platoon of the Bereitschaft left by truck on 3 December. During the night of 8 December, four trucks of the Bereitschaft were observed moving from Meiningen toward Erfurt, loaded with billeting equipment. (5)

6. On 19 December, it was learned that three Kommandos of the VP unit in the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne, Potsdam, had been transferred to Land Saxony and Land Thuringia, allegedly on 11 December. The unit's headquarters and a guard detail remained in Potsdam. It was rumored that a school of the Bereitschaftspolizei would be established in the barracks installation. (6)

7. At the end of November, it was learned that, beginning on 23 November, the 3d VP Bereitschaft in Wittenberg was split up and reassigned to several police posts. Police drivers who returned to Wittenberg said that they had taken the policemen to Burg, from where they would be reassigned to other posts. In late November, only a small guard detail of the 3d VP Bereitschaft remained in Wittenberg. Sixty-five police who arrived in Wittenberg said that they had come from the VP drivers' school in Apolda and expected to be transferred again.

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Comments.

(1) The 3d VP Bereitschaft (Inf) was previously confirmed in Apollensdorf until the beginning of November.

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(2) The 6th VP Bereitschaft (Armi) in Burg was confirmed by a previous report.

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(3) The school for artillery training of VP officers in Glocwen has been repeatedly confirmed.

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(4) Only the 1st VP Bereitschaft (Arty) has been identified in Kletz.

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[redacted] Like all VP Bereitschaften, the unit was engaged in the training of NCOs and was therefore described as a school.

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(5) The 4th VP Bereitschaft (Inf) in Meiningen was previously confirmed. See [redacted]

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(6) The information contradicts a previous report stating that the 1st VP Bereitschaft (Arty) left its quarters by truck on 26 November, allegedly heading for the Baltic Sea.

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(7) The VP Bereitschaft in Wittenberg is identical with the 3d VP Bereitschaft (Inf) in Apollensdorf near Wittenberg. [redacted] Comment (1). The transfer of elements of the unit to Burg confirms information contained in paragraph 1 of the present report.

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